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FILE WRAPPER CONTINUATION

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A "File Wrapper" Continuation Application is herewith filed under paragraph 1.62 of Rules of Practice in Patent Cases.

Claims 1-19 are cancelled and new claims $^{1}20-37$ are provided in their place.

The new claims are presented in the attached document entitled CLAIMS in FWC of Serial No. 07/511,951.

A check for \$345.00 (#3942) to cover the application fee is attached hereto, as is also a Statement re Small Entity Status.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Immediately following the title at the very top of page of the specification, the following paragraph is inserted.

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RE OATH

To reflect the above-identified amendment to the specification, a Revised Oath is provided herewith.

REMARKS

In connection with the Board's 10/31/91 Action with respect to Serial No. 07/511,951, Applicant showed the Board's Opinion to Mr. Fiene, the expert who -- via Exhibit D -- had in effect testified to the <u>unobviousness</u> of Applicant's original claims over Spira, Neumann and Kivari. On reading the Board's Opinion, Mr. Fiene groaned over what to him appeared like utter unreality on part of the Board.

Nevertheless, Applicant can not take the time required to change the Board's basic competence to a degree sufficient to make it adequately understand the various technological—and industry-practice—type issues involved as well as to make it understand that — when it comes to issues relating to expert-type matters — it must accord more weight to the opinion of a proper expert than to its own non-expert opinion.

So, for pragmatic reasons, Applicant has changed his claims in such manner as to obviate Spira, Neumann and Kivari as pertinent references.

In particular:

- (1) in new independent claim 20, Applicant has defined the high-frequency AC voltage applied to the track conductors to consist of <u>bursts</u> of high-frequency AC voltage; which feature is neither described nor suggested by Spira;
- (2) In new independent claim 26, Applicant has defined the high-frequency AC voltage to be amplitude-modulated; which feature is neither described nor suggested by Spira;
- (3) In new independent claim 33, Applicant has defined a voltage conditioning means having a full-bridge rectifier connected directly (i.e., without any substantive intervening elements) with the power line terminals while at the same time causing power to be drawn from the power line with a power factor of 80% or better; which feature is neither described nor suggested by Spira; and
- (4) In new independent claim 36, Applicant has defined the AC voltage supplied to the track conductors to be a squarewave voltage; which feature is neither described nor suggested by Spira.

Finally, Applicant draws Examiner's attention to his Revised Oath and his amendment to the specification. By way of this Oath and amendment, instant application is made a Continuation-in-Part of Nilssen's Patent No. 4,506,318; which therefore renders that patent non-pertinent as a referene against instant application.

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